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In Re Application of: M. Seul et al.)	
Serial No. 10/658,070)	Group Art Unit:
Filed: 9/9/2003	Examiner:
For: On-Chip Analysis of Particles and Fractionation of Particle Mixtures Using Light-Controlled Electrokinetic Assembly of Particles Near Surfaces; Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450	

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

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<u>X</u> before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits for the abovereferenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, other than the listed U.S. Patents, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and

indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 form.

N/A: English translations of the non-English documents are attached.

____ The following is a concise statement of the relevance of the non-English language documents.

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